

## House Resolution 176

By: Representatives Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 62<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Susan J. Ross and inviting her to be recognized by the House  
2 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Susan J. Ross is an Atlanta based artist and cultural worker who uses  
4 photography to document the social, political, and cultural experiences of the African  
5 American community and to tell its stories through the lens of her camera; and

6 WHEREAS, the daughter of a cultural anthropologist and a social worker, Sue uses the  
7 medium of photography to document the human condition; and

8 WHEREAS, in the African tradition, the griot is an oral historian holding the essence of  
9 African history and culture; Sue is known by many who have witnessed her talents as a  
10 "photo-griot," specializing in using photographs to document everyday life within the  
11 African American community; and

12 WHEREAS, she gives inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
13 for her fellow citizens, and the social awareness, ingenuity, and skill she demonstrates to the  
14 art community through her focus on acknowledging and commemorating the beauty and  
15 expression within the African American culture is admired by others; and

16 WHEREAS, Susan J. Ross, as photo-griot, uses photographs to tell the stories of the African  
17 American community, to capture the culture's grace and dignity through the faces of its  
18 people, and to celebrate the beauty of diversity.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body commend Susan J. Ross for her impressive talents and invite her  
21 to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the  
22 Speaker of the House.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Susan J. Ross.